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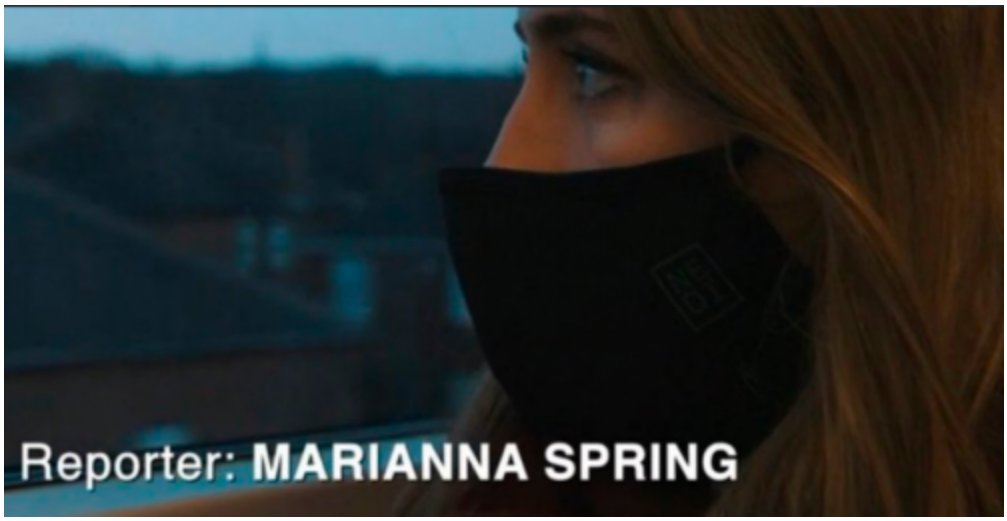
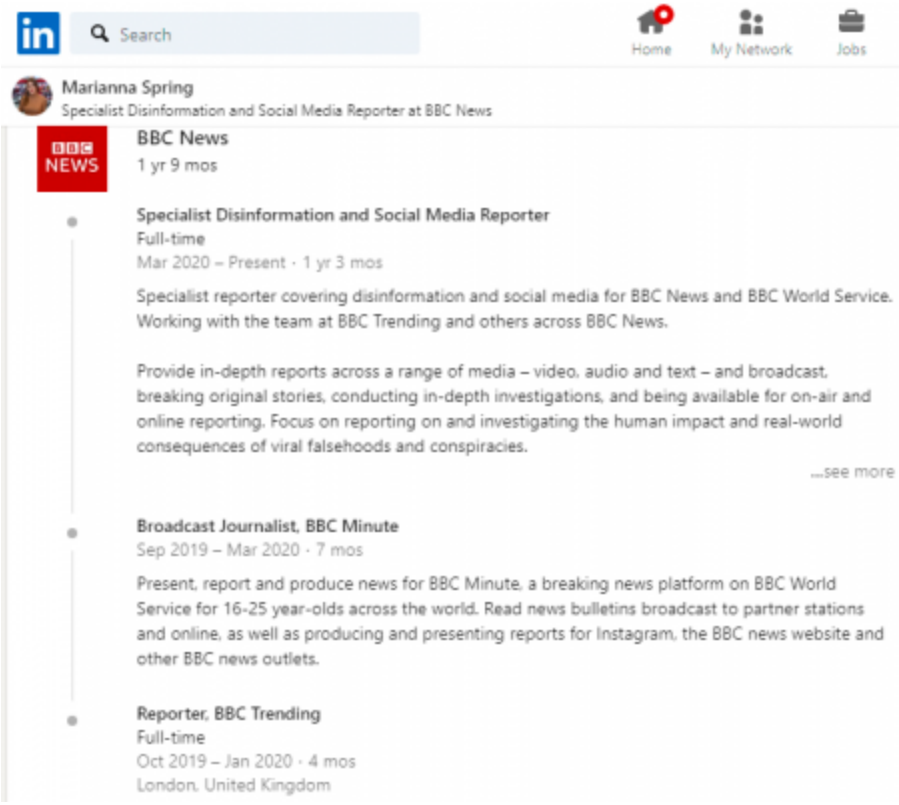
BBC’s “Disinformation Specialist Reporter”, Marianna Spring, Is Funded By Gates Money

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Marianna Spring
Specialist Disinformation and Social Media Reporter at BBC News
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1 yr 9 mos
Specialist Disinformation and Social Media Reporter
Full-time
Mar 2020 – Present · 1 yr 3 mos
Specialist reporter covering disinformation and social media for BBC News and BBC World Service. Working with the team at BBC Trending and others across BBC News.
Provide in-depth reports across a range of media – video, audio and text – and broadcast, breaking original stories, conducting in-depth investigations, and being available for on-air and online reporting. Focus on reporting on and investigating the human impact and real-world consequences of viral falsehoods and conspiracies.
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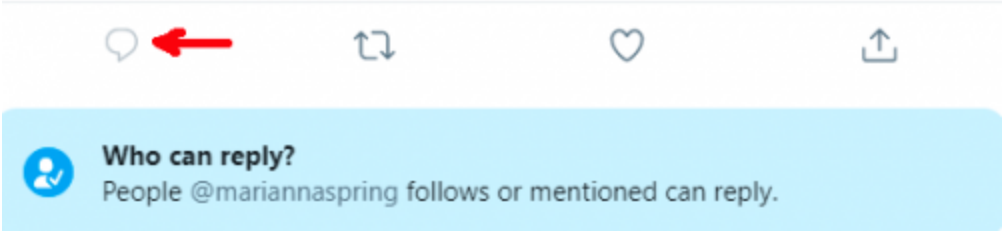
Broadcast Journalist, BBC Minute
Sep 2019 – Mar 2020 · 7 mos
Present, report and produce news for BBC Minute, a breaking news platform on BBC World Service for 16-25 year-olds across the world. Read news bulletins broadcast to partner stations and online, as well as producing and presenting reports for Instagram, the BBC news website and other BBC news outlets.
Reporter, BBC Trending
Full-time
Oct 2019 – Jan 2020 · 4 mos
London, United Kingdom

Marianna Spring works for the BBC, British Broadcasting Corporation, and claims to be a "specialist reporter covering disinformation and social media". However, after a look through what she covers (and omits), the only logical conclusion is that she is deliberately spreading lies.

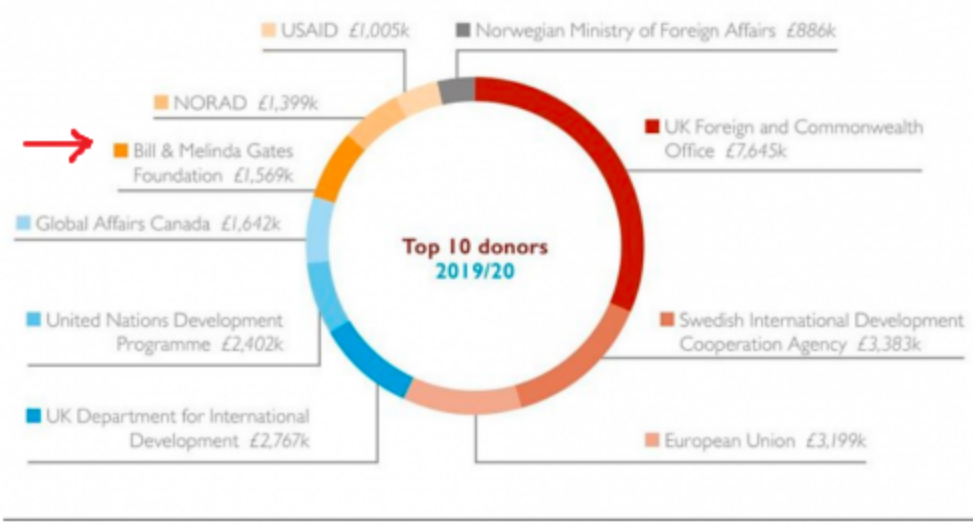
As a bit of a side note: Spring doesn't allow people to comment on her tweets unless she follows them, or has tagged them. For a journalist trying to reach the people, she certainly doesn't seem to want to hear from them.



According to her profile, she was a full time reporter with BBC, until in March 2020, she was tapped to head up the misinformation coverage in the network. She claims to report and track conspiracy theories and false reporting.

However, there is an interesting omission. Spring doesn't like to address the people who are funding her employer, the BBC. Specifically, she doesn't address the Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation. While it's far from the only donor, it is a major one, and a regular one at that.


USAID £1,005k
Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs £886k
NORAD £1,399k
UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office £7,645k
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation £1,569k
Global Affairs Canada £1,642k
Top 10 donors 2019/20
United Nations Development Programme £2,402k
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency £3,383k
UK Department for International Development £2,767k
European Union £3,199k

Media Action top 10 donors 2019-2020

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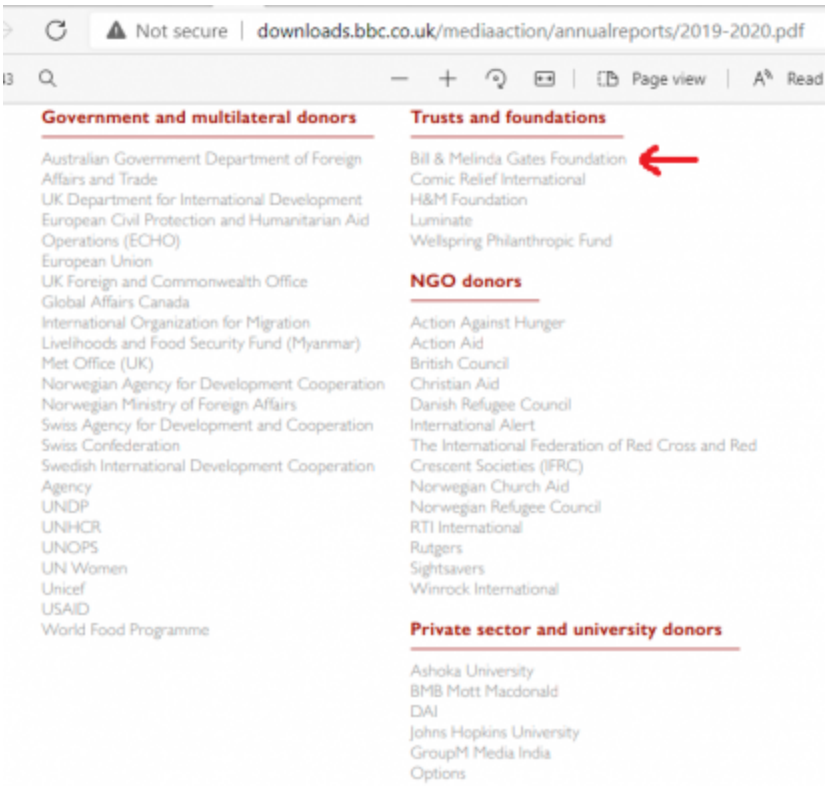

Funding in recent years for the BBC is all freely available online. To their credit, the BBC is quite organized when it comes to their records.

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YEAR	PAGE	AMOUNT (UK POUNDS)
2016-2017	35	2,800,000
2017-2018	12	2,150,000
2018-2019	14	2,003,000
2019-2020	17	1,569,000

Notwithstanding donations to her own employer, Spring has shown no interest in covering any of the financial connections between the Gates Foundation, big pharma, and the education industry. Just a thought: when covering conspiracy theories, it may be wise to see if there is any truth to them.

https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/

Let's clarify here: there are actually 2 separate entities. The Foundation is the group that distributes money to various organizations and institutions. The Foundation Trust, however, is concerned primarily about asset management.

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Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a *Paid during the year*				
BAY PATH UNIVERSITY OFFICE588 LONGMEADOW STREET LONGMEADOW, MA 01106		PC 509(A)(1)	POSTSECONDARY SUCCESS	74,703
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ONE BAYLOR PLAZA BCM320 HOUSTON, TX 77030		PC 509(A)(1)	MNCH DISCOVERY & TOOLS, NUTRITION	220,365
BBC MEDIA ACTION BROADCASTING HOUSE PORTLAND PLACE LONDON W1A1AA UK		PC EQUIVALENCY DETE	FAMILY PLANNING, GLOBAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ANALYSIS, MATERNAL, NEONATAL & CHILD HEALTH	294,618
Total . . . . . ▶ **3a**				4,607,760,270

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BBC MEDIA ACTION BROADCASTING HOUSE PORTLAND PLACE LONDON W1A1AA UK		PC EQUIVALENCY DETE	WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE	396,647
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BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ONE BAYLOR PLAZA BCM320 HOUSTON, TX 77030		PC 509(A)(1)	ENTERIC AND DIARRHEAL DISEASES	295,299
BBC MEDIA ACTION BROADCASTING HOUSE PORTLAND PLACE LONDON W1A1AA UK		PC EQUIVALENCY DETE	ENTERIC AND DIARRHEAL DISEASES, GLOBAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ANALYSIS, MATERNAL, NEONATAL & CHILD HEALTH, NUTRITION, PNEUMONIA, WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE	1,999,997
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BBC MEDIA ACTION BROADCASTING HOUSE PORTLAND PLACE LONDON W1A1AA UK		PC EQUIVALENCY DETE	ENTERIC AND DIARRHEAL DISEASES, MATERNAL, NEONATAL & CHILD HEALTH, PNEUMONIA	479,158
BBC MEDIA ACTION BROADCASTING HOUSE PORTLAND PLACE LONDON W1A1AA UK		PC EQUIVALENCY DETE	FAMILY PLANNING, GLOBAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ANALYSIS, MATERNAL, NEONATAL & CHILD HEALTH	405,436
BBC MEDIA ACTION BROADCASTING HOUSE PORTLAND PLACE LONDON W1A1AA UK		PC EQUIVALENCY DETE	WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE	1,000,000
BEIJING RIVERSTONE WATER		NC FOREIGN	WATER, SANITATION AND	250,000

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BAY AREA VIDEO COALITION INC 2727 MARIPOSA ST 2ND FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94110		PC 509(A)(1)	INFORM AND ENGAGE COMMUNITIES	85,000
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ONE BAYLOR PLAZA BCM320 HOUSTON, TX 77030		PC 509(A)(1)	ENTERIC AND DIARRHEAL DISEASES	141,754
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ONE BAYLOR PLAZA BCM320 HOUSTON, TX 77030		PC 509(A)(1)	NUTRITION	374,134
BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ONE BAYLOR PLAZA BCM320 HOUSTON, TX 77030		PC 509(A)(1)	DISCOVERY AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCES	100,000
BBC MEDIA ACTION BROADCASTING HOUSE PORTLAND PLACE LONDON W1A1AA UK		PC EQUIVALENCY DETE	ENTERIC AND DIARRHEAL DISEASES, GLOBAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC AWARENESS AND ANALYSIS, MATERNAL, NEONATAL & CHILD HEALTH, NUTRITION, PNEUMONIA, WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE	2,500,000
Total . . . . . ▶ **3a**				4,280,463,865

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However, Spring will never get into any of this, nor will she report of the financial interests that drive this "pandemic". The grants to the World Health Organization, GAVI, the Pirbright Institute, John Hopkins, and many more are instantly available. It's hard to classify someone as a "journalist" when they are so blind to one side of a story.

Even disregarding Gates, the bulk of the BBC funding comes from the British Government, who supports these martial law measures 100%. Surely Spring and her people know who butters their bread.

"We offer partners a number of benefits which include:

- Exclusive invites to networking events, receptions and dinners hosted by BBC correspondents
- Getting behind-the-scenes at the BBC with private tours of New Broadcasting House
- Exclusive recognition on our website and marketing materials

- Case studies of how your donation has impacted our work, for you to use in both internal and external communications
- Exclusive opportunities to see and help deliver our work in action, in country."

The BBC offers partnerships with other organization, and currently, they include Facebook and Twitter. As far as cracking down on "misinformation", they seem to be ideologically aligned.

The BBC covered the Atlantic Storm pandemic scenario in 2005. Footage is still available of it online. Has Spring not found it strange that all of these preparation cases have been going on for decades?

Facebook has also confirmed that it will be removing content and people that discourages vaccination, ***REGARDLESS*** of whether or not it's true. This is about pushing an agenda, not a search for objective truth. Does Spring not see how precarious her position is if the only way to succeed is to shut down opposing views? After all, she "identifies" as a journalist.

This kind of censorship has a chilling effect, regardless of the subject being discussed.

Marianna Spring @mariannaspring · 5h
In the meanwhile, everyday citizens have stepped into the breach to helping those falling for anti-vax conspiracies.
That includes a builder turned trainee psychologist and former conspiracy theorist from the UK.
They use honeytrap Facebook groups.
BBC NEWS
The volunteers using 'honeypot' groups to fight anti-vax propaganda
Volunteers are busting anti-vaccine conspiracy theories with decoy Facebook groups.
bbc.co.uk

Volunteers fight back

It was the pandemic's wave of anti-vaccine content that prompted Dave and Richard to embark on their plan.

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"I was out of work," Dave says. "So I wanted to do something constructive."

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Although the duo have only met in real life once, they now run multiple "honeypot" Facebook groups that have thousands of members from all over the world.

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Inside the groups, people who believe in vaccine and Covid-19 conspiracy theories are allowed by the moderators to post false and misleading articles.

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Richard admits he's conflicted about the deception.

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"It was horrible having to lie to begin with," he says.

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After members initially joined the group, he says, the pair would observe what they shared, sometimes for weeks.

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"And then it'd stop," Richard says, "and we'd start questioning their narrative."

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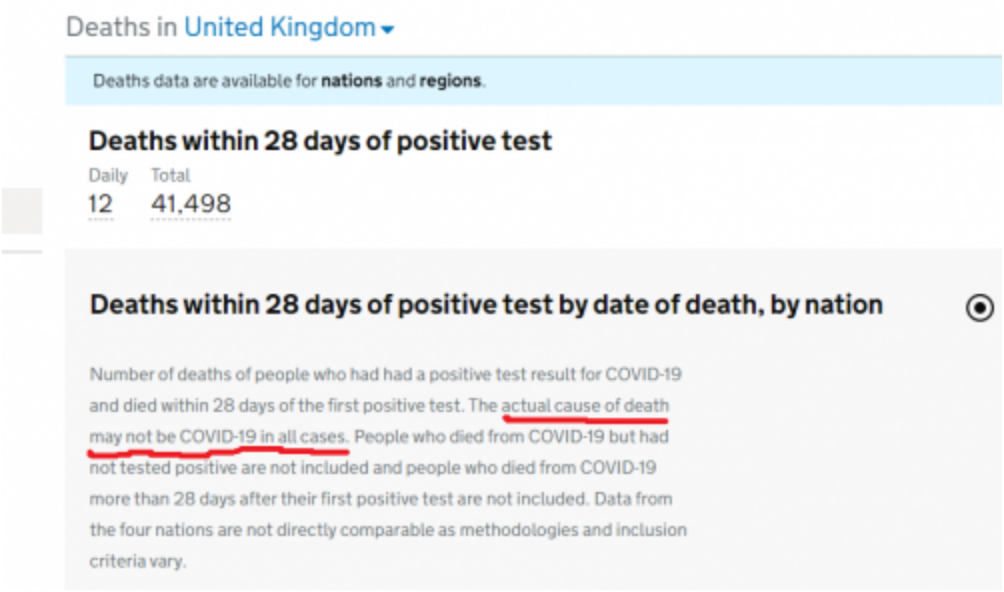
Dave and Richard debunk myths and challenge people in comments under posts and via private message.

Ever get the impression that certain groups and people were honeypots (or feds), deliberately trying to mislead a conversation and steer others away from asking important questions? Turns out, it's for real. The BBC published an article on doing exactly that.

Rather than condemn such underhanded tactics, Spring tweeted it out approvingly, saying that it was necessary to stop people from falling for conspiracy theories. Does a "misinformation specialist" see nothing wrong with deceiving and misleading the public? Spring is either a fraud, or is engaging in olympic level mental gymnastics.


Deaths in United Kingdom
Deaths data are available for nations and regions.
Deaths within 28 days of positive test
Daily
Total
12
41,498
Deaths within 28 days of positive test by date of death, by nation
Number of deaths of people who had had a positive test result for COVID-19 and died within 28 days of the first positive test. The actual cause of death may not be COVID-19 in all cases. People who died from COVID-19 but had not tested positive are not included and people who died from COVID-19 more than 28 days after their first positive test are not included. Data from the four nations are not directly comparable as methodologies and inclusion criteria vary.

The screenshot is from last year, but there is a valid point. The U.K. defines "Covid deaths" as:

> ***Number of deaths of people who had had a positive test result for COVID-19 and died within 28 days of the first positive test***. Data from the four nations are not directly comparable as methodologies and inclusion criteria vary. Data for the period ending 5 days before the date when the website was last updated with data for the selected area, highlighted in grey, is incomplete.

The death count is for people who've had a positive test (real or false positive), and then died within 28 days, irrespective of the cause. This kind of definition opens the door to abuse. If Spring really had been researching conspiracy theories and misinformation, she would have heard that claim repeatedly. Did she ignore it, or check, and simply report lies anyway?

The World Health Organization defines it in the following way:

> A death due to COVID-19 is defined for surveillance purposes as a ***death resulting from a clinically compatible illness, in a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case, unless there is a clear alternative cause of death*** that cannot be related to COVID disease (e.g. trauma). There should be no period of complete recovery from COVID-19 between illness and death.

While there is a lot of garbage posted online (that part is true), isn't it the job of a professional journalist to wade through, and sort out fact from fiction?

Listening to Spring talk, it does appear that she has much of an interest in fact checking anything that she calls a conspiracy theorist. She seems to take the Government narrative at face value.

In her own words, this is about "putting a human face" on trying to counter information the Government doesn't like. This comes across as crass emotional manipulation.

Take a good look. This is the face of deception in the modern age.

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One Reply to "BBC's "Disinformation Specialist Reporter", Marianna Spring, Is Funded By Gates Money"

Miatyank

MAY 28, 2021 AT 6:41 AM

Hoe, but I think the worst kind. There are honest hoes, businesswoman. But this one is a continuously lying hoe. And her lies kill. That's the bad.